



Foggy Bottom News

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NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8 PM
St. Paul's Parish House
2430 'K' Street, NW

ANC Election Results

SMD 2A Ø1

Ann Loikow

SMD 2A Ø2

Bill Kummings

SMD 2A Ø3

Marthly Bledsoe

SMD 2A Ø4

Harold Douitt

SMD 2A Ø6

James Slicer

SMD 2A Ø5 &

SMD 2A Ø7

Results not final*

*the candidates
were write-ins, and
the count is not
completed.
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The above results
are not yet official
as we go to press,
but the results
for SMD's other
than 2A Ø5 &
2A Ø7 are
unlikely to change.



January FBA Meeting
L to r: Councilman at large Marion
Barry; FBA President Bob Charles;
Ward 2 Councilman John Wilson

"Parking Sticker" Hearing Report

The hearing on the neighborhood Parking Sticker Program for the Foggy Bottom area was held the evening of January 27 at St. Paul's Church Parish Hall. There was an overflow crowd, with people standing around the walls. Only one of the Scheduled witnesses spoke against the Parking Sticker Program—one of the doctors in the Potomac Plaza Terraces, concerned about parking for his patients. All the rest supported the program.

Several of the witnesses requested that the hours of coverage be extended to cover the evening hours, because of the Kennedy Center and George Washington University night classes. Visitors passes and stickers for rental cars were also considered very important by the speakers. Doug Schneider, head of the D.C. Department of Highways and Traffic, spoke at the beginning of the hearing and described the proposed implementation of the plan. No firm date was given for the start of the program in this area.

Ed. Note.

At the Parking Permit Hearing on January 27th, several residents expressed concern about the parking problems created during the evening hours by the presence of the Kennedy Center. It was suggested that, due to this circumstance, the two-hour parking limitation be extended from 6:30 PM to 11:30 PM. Your comments would be appreciated and, when received, will be forwarded to the D.C. Highway Department.



Avoid The Tragedy Of A Fire



Many residents of Foggy Bottom live in high rise buildings which increases their risk of injury in case of a fire. It is less dangerous to live in a two story dwelling but tragedy often happens to those residents.

In the year ending June 30, 1975, there were 9,559 fires in the District. As a result of these fires, 29 persons lost their lives and 597 suffered various injuries or severe burns. During this period there were 1639 fires in apartments and 901 in dwellings. Notwithstanding the fact that we have an excellent Fire Department, the property loss amounted to more than \$7,000,000. You may not give much thought to having a fire in your home but it can happen to you and fires often occur because of carelessness. It is important that everyone exercise care at all times to avoid them.

The chief causes of fires are:

- Smoking
- Electrical
- Cooking
- Heating plants
- Children playing with matches
- Flammable liquids
- Spontaneous ignition

You have heard an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Anyone who has suffered a fire will readily agree with this. Even if you escape injury by a fire in your home it is very disruptive. You may have to live elsewhere temporarily. Irreplaceable heirlooms and objects of sentimental value may be damaged or destroyed

and time is required to remove the debris and much time and effort are required to clean and repair the damaged areas. A fire in your kitchen may cause smoke damage in every room and result in having to paint the entire premises. It requires time and it is expensive to replace damaged or destroyed items. It is necessary to reach an agreement with the insurance company on the settlement of your loss and even though you obtain a fair settlement you will bitterly rue the day the fire occurred.

For those who smoke, make sure matches and other smoking materials are OUT before disposing of them, provide plenty of good size ash trays in every room. Do not smoke in bed or when you feel drowsy. Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician and do not use extension cords or adapters. If extension cords are used, be sure they are in the open, not under rugs, over hooks or radiators or through door openings. Replace a cord if it is frayed. Do not overload electrical circuits and label switches in the circuit breaker box. Keep stove, oven and broiler clean of grease. Heating plants should be cleaned and inspected before the heating season and any necessary adjustments made and parts replaced. Flammable liquids should not be stored in the home. If they are stored, it should be in an approved container and used with great care. Store oily rags, mops and points in a cool place in a

tightly sealed metal container. The telephone number of the Fire Department should be on your telephone.

A Fire extinguisher should be in or available to every home. Apartment dwellers are provided with them in the halls of the building and it is important that you know where they are located, what kind of fire they are to be used on and how to use them as a majority of fires are put out with fire extinguishers. Usually the instructions for using them are shown on the outside of the casing.

Types of fire extinguishers: Water under pressure, water-soda-acid and foam type, should be used on burning wood, paper, rubber and plastic. Foam, carbon dioxide (CO2) and dry chemicals should be used to extinguish flammable liquids, greases and gases. To put out a live electrical fire one should use CO2 or dry chemicals. Multi-purpose extinguishers are available that can be used to put out all three classes of fires.

The extinguisher most frequently found in apartment buildings are about eight inches in diameter and about twenty six inches high and weigh approximately twenty five pounds. They have a discharge time of one minute and a range of thirty to forty feet. In order to use one of these a person must be

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LETTERS

Hon. Julian R. Dugas
Chairman,
Alcoholic Beverage Control
Board
District Building
Dear Chairman Dugas:

The Foggy Bottom Association has recently learned that the license renewal application of the "INTRIGUE," located at 834 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., is under consideration before your Board and is being contested.

Our understanding is that allegations have been registered which purport that the "INTRIGUE" is in violation of the ABC rules prohibiting advertising in the streets, that it has compromised the architectural integrity of New Hampshire Avenue by installing an awning, that it is conducting unlawful commercial operations in a residential area, that it uses its exit as an entrance, and that it maintains valet parking.

The merits of the above notwithstanding, the fact remains that there is no exterior mention of an interior restaurant, that the new awning and landscaping are aesthetically congruent with the surround-

ings—not to mention the convenience of having protection when it rains, that if it were unlawful an initial license would never have been issued, that most doors work in two directions, and that the no charge parking is for the customer's convenience—not commercial parking.

In addition, several other beneficial considerations should be mentioned. Overall, there has been a marked improvement in clientele principally due to new management and the change in name. Further, because of the paucity of quality restaurants in this area, the "INTRIGUE" relieves congestion at these few other facilities and will serve to alleviate some of the Bi-Centennial influx pressures. Finally, due to the protest before your Board, our membership voted unanimously at our last meeting on January 26 to voice our continued support for the existence of the "INTRIGUE."

Should you desire amplification beyond the views expressed herein, I will be most pleased to personally appear before your Board and provide testimony.

Sincerely,
Robert H. Charles, Jr.
President,
Foggy Bottom Association

The Editor
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Long-time residents will remember, and newcomers should be aware, of the history of neighborhood opposition to the restaurant and liquor license at the Channel House (now called The Intrigue) at 824 New Hampshire Avenue. When the original application for a liquor license was filed in 1962, property owners and residents alike voiced their opposition at an all day hearing before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Signed petitions were presented and the Foggy Bottom Association backed the protestants. In spite of vigorous neighborhood opposition, a license was issued.

Then began a period of violations of the Building Code and the ABC Act by the hotel and restaurant owners. Enforcement was often lax and might have been even less strict had it not been for the vigilant efforts of Foggy Bottom residents and Association members, who pointed out violations to the authorities.

Some six months ago, the restaurant, now known as The Intrigue, began to make changes in the exterior of the premises in violation of the ABC Act. An awning was erected over the fire exit, which then became the principal entrance, and signs were plastered all over the exterior.

Last fall ABC inspectors notified The Intrigue that it was in violation of Section 15(a) of the Act, which provides that in a residentially-zoned neighborhood, the entrance to a restaurant in a hotel must be entirely through the lobby of the hotel and that no signs advertising the restaurant shall be visible from outside the building.

In addition, neighbors object to the traffic and congestion and noise resulting from the presence of the restaurant. Delivery trucks park illegally and have damaged the median strip on New Hampshire Avenue. Patrons park cars across the sidewalk and obstruct pedestrian traffic. Garage spaces are insufficient and restaurant patrons vie for limited spaces on our already impacted streets. For the neighbors, the only peaceful day of the week is Sunday, when The Intrigue is closed! These are some of the reasons why residents and property owners opposed the reissuance of a liquor license to The Intrigue.

We were therefore disappointed to learn that Bob Charles, President of the Foggy Bottom Association, recently sent a letter to the ABC Board in support of the license renewal. His action, I dare say, is contrary to the wishes of the

residents and property owners in the vicinity of The Intrigue and represents a reversal of long-standing policy of the Association. I hope that other Foggy Bottom residents will disavow this new policy. I also hope that the Association will not succumb to pressures from its advertisers. Unless we join together to defend the residential character of the neighborhood from crass commercialism, the charm of living in Foggy Bottom will soon be lost.

Sincerely yours,
Herbert C. Madison

Ed. Note.

As can be seen by the preceding letters, the Intrigue Restaurant is undergoing procedures for the renewal of its liquor license. While this issue came up at the last meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association, no formal vote was recorded and, therefore, the views of those then present may not fully reflect the views of the Association. Your comments are welcome.



Foggy Bottom Farmer

On a sunny day the signs of spring are everywhere. For weeks there have been scattered yellow blossoms on the Winter Jasmine on the GW campus; Snowdrops have bloomed and gone where the soil along the south foundations is early warmed by lengthening days. Daffodils, Hyacinths and Crocus will soon be everywhere.

The real sign that Spring is here will be song of the winter-quiet Mockingbird; watch for his mating dance (repeated up-flinging flight from a rooftop promontory).

If you enjoy starting your annuals from seed, now is the time to begin. Your container (flat, pot or box) will keep the soil the proper degree of moisture by covering with a small sheet of glass or waxed paper. Avoid a location near the kitchen; fumes from a range are fatal to the tender seedlings; the bedroom would be fine. No light is needed until the seedlings are up. Remove the cover daily for ventilation, and when the first true leaves appear carefully transplant to egg cartons.



TRUE LEAF



"Prick" them out of the soil with a sharpened tongue depressor or other wood sliver. A "Stimudent" or large toothpick would do fine. Then, by holding one leaflet carefully, lower the root into a hole prepared in the soil by inserting a sharpened pencil. With the pencil, firm the soil to the root.

Now is also the time to spray with "Miscible oil" the chalk-like white scale that infests so many Foggy Bottom plants; see sketch. Repeat at two week intervals and switch to an insecticide (Severn or other approved spray) before the buds begin to open. Ask at your garden store.



Scale

William S. Lattin

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FIRE *from PAGE ONE*
physically able to maneuver the device and extreme care should be taken to properly control the stream of liquid so that it flows onto the base of the fire and not on the body of the user as some of them contain sulphuric acid which is very dangerous.

- In case of a minor fire:
1. Call the Fire Department—DIAL 911.
 2. If fire involves an electrical appliance, stop flow of current by pulling plug or turning off current in circuit breaker, fuse box.
 3. If fire is caused by grease in pan you may be able to extinguish it by turning off gas or electric and raising a lid to the level of the top of the pan and slide it over pan to smolder fire.
 4. On wood, paper, rubber or plastic fires use water or fire extinguisher.
 5. If your clothing catches on fire, lay on rug and roll over slowing—DO NOT RUN.
- In case of a major fire:
1. Call the Fire Department—Dial 911.
 2. Pull the internal fire alarm box in hall, if you live in an aptment house that has one.
 3. Notify desk, if there is one, of location of fire so they can inform firemen.
 4. If fire is in one room, close door to that room, if possible.
 5. If fire is outside your apartment, feel entrance door to determine if it is hot. If you decide to open door, open it slightly at first to ascertain conditions in the hall. If it appears safe, step outside, close door and use stairway to leave building. If your escape route has been cut off by fire or smoke, go to your balcony

and hang a sheet or other similar signal over part of the balcony rail, if you have a balcony that is located where the fire truck can obtain access by street, alley etc. The fire truck ladder can reach as high as the seventh floor. Where you cannot escape, to prevent or reduce the amount of smoke from entering around entrance door, stuff rags or other materials between the edges of the door and the door jamb.

A fire may occur while one is sleeping and smoke may get into your bedroom. Smoke is inhaled quite often which does not awaken the person. This can result in serious injury or death. Smoke and fire detectors are now on the market and may well be worth their cost which is \$40.00, and up. There is a type operated by battery and another type that plugs into the electrical outlet and the third type that combines both of these features. The building regulations of the District do not require the installation of these in new construction but have it under consideration. In other areas, they are required for new construction and all residential units financed through FHA must have them. The vast majority of units in the District are already built and it will be up to the occupant to voluntarily provide their own detectors.

In our sophisticated manner of living, the danger of fire is ever present. This should strongly suggest to everyone to be careful to avoid doing anything that may start a hostile fire. The life you save may be your own.

Melvin Ogden

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Fox Von Boom Urban Critic



A six-lane expressway (walled and elevated to the Potomac Plaza/second story windows) would be coming down Virginia Avenue to the Potomac if Foggy Bottom were to befall the fate of Crystal City. There the upgrading of US Route one is so planned between the high-rise apartments and offices on both sides of Jefferson Davis highway. That could not happen here; why there?

The urban crow, like the city dweller, differs considerably from his country cousin. The country crow wings his purposeful way "straight as the crow flies" above the fields between the woods. Not so his urban relative whose circuitous flight can be seen above the city rooftops; he's an aerial acrobat whenever the strong west wind is forced upward by the high-rise architecture.

On bright windy days companion crows seem to revel in riding the updrafts in "power climbs" and dives in friendly-appearing pursuit. I'm reminded of the bright new compacts that leave my willing but incapable old Buick trailing behind when the lights change.

Sons Of Sinbad

"At Kuwait I saw a mastless, unrigged "boom" laying flopped over on the beach, every inch of her underwater exposed, not for cleaning or repairs, as in the old days, but put there to memorialize the great, extinct dhows, now at rest in history."

"Allah is great." I said. "His wind is free."

"Allah is great," Nakhoda Nedji answered me.

"But sometimes I wish I were again at sea.

I lie awake at night, still, and listen for
Those sounds I'll never hear on

deck again.

These sons of mine will never know that life.

You can't stop time or bring old ways back.

"I'm rich enough: this house, my sons, a horde
Of rials, dollars, pounds, Pias-tres, rupees,
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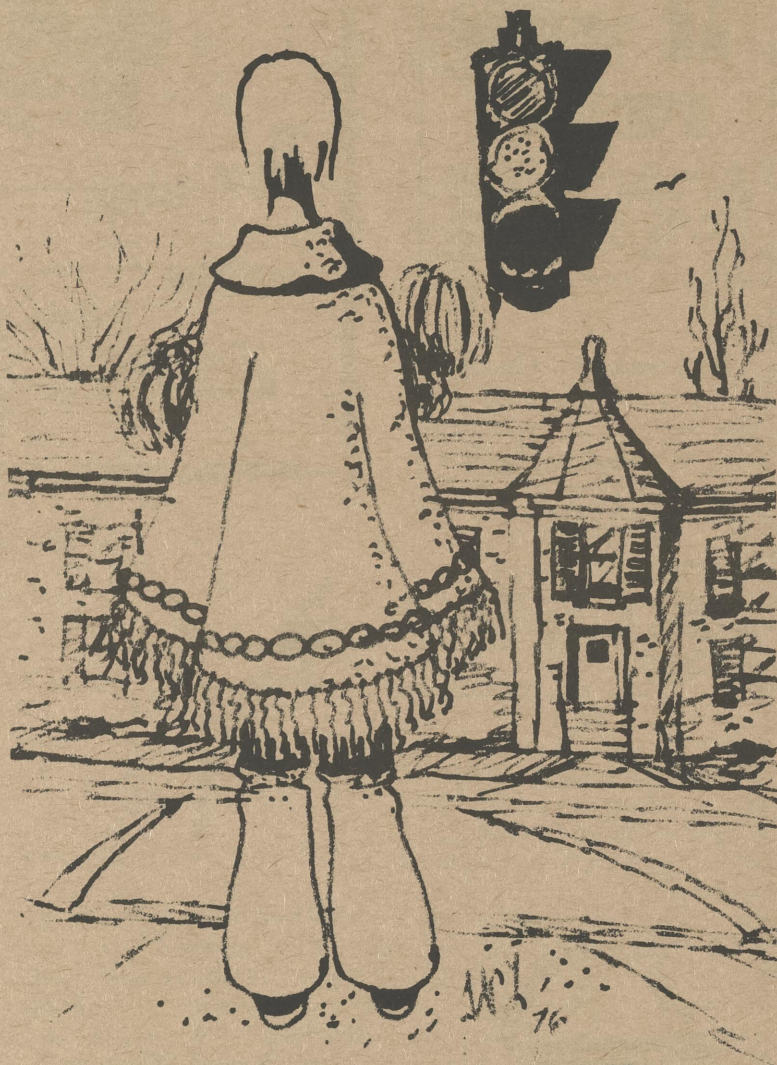
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